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notched three points Sunday
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City staff say 'no' to cycling committee

Advisory body.
Group focused only
on cycling would be
redundant, city says



Advocates for two-wheeled
transport have been cam-
paigning for their own voice
at city hall, but they look set
to be left disappointed.

Cycling groups had asked
for a special advisory com-
mittee to be set up by the
city, and councillors agreed
to consider it.

Politicians asked city staff
to look into the idea, and
the issue returns to the stra-
tegic priorities and policy
committee on Monday.

Staff have pointed out
that the municipality al-
ready has a transportation
advisory committee, so
a specific one for cycling
would duplicate some dis-
cussions.

Instead, it suggests mak-
ing changes to the existing
committee to better reflect
the views of cyclists and
others committed to "active
transportation."

There's also a name
change being suggested. If

Elsewhere

Hamilton and Kitchener
are Ontario's only two
municipalities with cycling
advisory groups.

councillors agree, it will be
called the transportation
mobility advisory commit-
tee.

It will also have a mem-
ber who is part of a cycling
club.

Councillors can still de-
cide to create a cycling ad-
visory committee if they
want to.

Several Londoners have
written to the committee
asking them to do just that.

"If we as a city want to
encourage cycling, we need
to plan for the 'yet-to-be'
cyclists. For the people who
would be willing to ride if
it was safer and more con-
venient," writes Daniel Hall.
"Let's plan our city for this
group of people and every-
one will benefit."

For Shelley Steel, the
committee is a way to "pro-
mote healthy active living."

"Heavier traffic, soft, nar-
row shoulders and a lack of
bike lanes or pathways put
cyclists in harms way daily,"
she writes.

FINAL GOODBYE TO MANDELA

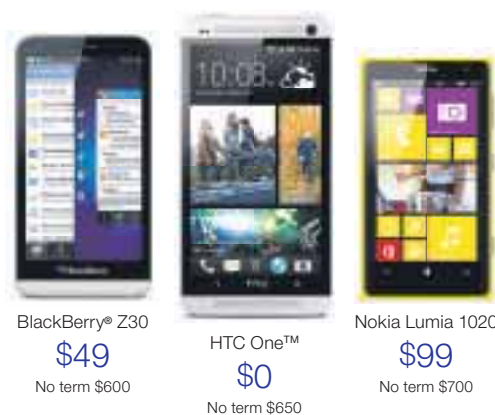
Gloria Thomson of London, left, sings during a tribute to former South African president Nelson Mandela. People gathered Sunday in Victoria Park and at Aeloian Hall to remember the anti-apartheid leader as he was laid to rest in his hometown. More coverage, page 6.

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Flurries are in the forecast

A man makes his way across Western University's campus as snow flurries continue to fly Sunday afternoon. London saw about 12 centimetres of accumulation in a steady snowfall that started Saturday morning and continued overnight. Flurries are in Environment Canada's forecast for the area through Wednesday with things changing to a mix of rain and snow on Thursday. Daily highs are expected to stay below freezing through Wednesday. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Survey shines dismal light on Fontana, council

On the bright side.
81 per cent say life in London is good



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The economy and jobs remain the most important issue for Londoners, according to a survey developed by polling firm Environics.

But Mayor Joe Fontana and the city's 14 councillors are also under the microscope.

Nearly one-quarter of respondents said their government's performance is an important issue to them. That's up from 12 per cent a year ago.

Worse, two out of every three residents polled are either somewhat or very dissatisfied with the performance of local politicians. The number of those very dissatisfied jumped by 20 per

cent over the past year.

The results come with a municipal election slated for less than a year from now.

Transportation and traffic are the biggest concern for 12 per cent of respondents.

Somewhat surprisingly, in the wake of factory closures, a difficult economy and the views on what's happening at city hall, 81 per cent of London residents describe their quality of life as excellent or good.

That shows little change from last year's results.

As well, fewer people feel the economy is weaker than a year ago. The study shows that just over one-in-three residents believe the economy is weakening. In 2012, nearly half of all residents thought that.

Fifty-one per cent of residents believe the local economy is stable, while 14 per cent think it's improving.

The survey will be presented to council's strategic priorities and policy

By the numbers

When it comes to specific services where people would like to see more spending, here's how people surveyed responded:

- 51 per cent picked roads
- 44 per cent chose long-term care facilities
- 39 per cent were focused on economic development
- 37 per cent picked health

SOURCE: ENVIRONICS SURVEY

committee Monday afternoon.

Environics surveyed 501 people between Oct. 23 and Nov. 1 2013, and set quotas on age, gender and income to ensure it would be representative of the general population.

More surgery for Davidson after setback

A London woman who received her second double-lung transplant about five weeks ago was scheduled for minor surgery Sunday after a setback involving fluid in her lungs and low hemoglobin.

Danielle Davidson, who has cystic fibrosis, has been in a Toronto hospital since the transplant, her second after her body rejected the lungs she was given two years ago.

Posting on Danielle's Breathe Easy — 2nd Time's a Charm, a Facebook page that's been documenting Davidson's journey, friends of the 28-year-old said her immediate progress after the transplant was positive.

Quoted

"Danielle is going in for surgery within the hour. Send love from near and far!!! Xoxoxo"

A Sunday post on the Facebook page Danielle's Breathe Easy — 2nd Time's a Charm

But, they added, she's encountered some issues over the past week that need to be resolved.

A Dec. 7 post was the first indication that Davidson had taken a slight turn for the worse.

"Danielle is doing alright. She is feeling out of sorts and

remains on a bit of oxygen for comfort," the post reads. "The team is doing all they can to sort things out as quickly as possible."

"Thanks for the love."

A post four days later said doctors were still dealing with those issues.

"She has a fungus in her lungs, but it is being successfully treated currently with three different medications. Her hemoglobin is consistently low and after many tests they have concluded it is okay to remain that way and she will get blood top ups every now and then."

The minor surgery Sunday was scheduled for about 3 p.m. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO



Danielle Davidson is having more surgery after receiving a new set of lungs a little more than a month ago in her ongoing battle with cystic fibrosis. METRO FILE

Farhi Holdings going Idlewyld

A place in history.
Prominent developer taking over Old South inn dating back to 1878



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The Idlewyld Inn has a new owner, and it will maintain very much the same presence it's had in Old South for years.

Farhi Holdings Corporation has bought the historic building and will continue to operate it as an inn.

The 1878 building on Grand Avenue was the home of Charles Smyth Hyman, mayor of London and a cabinet minister. In recent years it has been run as a hotel by entrepreneur Marcel Butchey, but in September he said the business had failed.

Now developer Shmuel Farhi, the head of Farhi Holdings, is hoping to build on the venue's reputation.

It's not Farhi's first venture into the resort world.

"As we have proved with our operation of the historic Elm Hurst Inn and Spa in Ingersoll, there is a strong market for fine dining and luxury accommodations in southwestern Ontario," he said.

Idlewyld will join Farhi Holdings as "sister" to the Elm Hurst, Farhi said, and "will share the same timeless elegance and commitment to excellence in every area of guest service."

Although the Idlewyld is somewhat smaller than the Elm Hurst, Farhi says it will compare favorably in every other way.

"With 22 unique guest rooms, plus meeting rooms, conference and private dining facilities and our beautiful main dining area, we will cater to business and vacation travel, offer the perfect setting for intimate weddings and social events, and take pride in becoming a vibrant part of the Old South community," he said.



Fresh off the real-estate listings: The Idlewyld Inn (36 Grand Ave.) is expected to remain a jewel of Old South after being bought by developer Shmuel Farhi.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

London's hot ticket: Budweiser Gardens posts a stellar year



People flood into Budweiser Gardens on Sunday to catch the London Knights in action. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

The success of Budweiser Gardens is being celebrated after two magazines gave the venue high rankings.

Global Spectrum, which runs the downtown London sports and entertainment venue, has said the accolades end a year full of highlights.

Venues Today magazine has ranked Bud Gardens as seventh worldwide — and the best in North America — for gross ticket sales among venues its size.

And the year-end rankings by Billboard Magazine, published Friday, put it at eighth in the world and second in North America for gross sales.

Neither ranking includes ticket sales from London Knights games, meaning the picture is even brighter. "Budweiser Gardens is clearly one of the most spectacular venues in all of North America," said Global Spectrum chief operating officer John Page.

"With outstanding support from the region and the dedicated staff, Budweiser Gardens is a destina-

Seeing stars

Bud Gardens is getting ready to welcome Hedley, Kings of Leon, Gordon Lightfoot and Michael Bublé in the coming months, and in 2013 hosted names like Pearl Jam, Tom Petty and Reba.

tion for many top acts on the road today and home to a fantastic junior hockey club."

Brian Ohl, general manager of the venue, told Metro last month its ticket sales for 2013 had exceeded expectations.

Being part of the Global Spectrum operation lets it attract big names, he explained. **MIKE DONACHIE/METRO**

On the web

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St. Thomas. Crews battle third fire in three days

A dog was killed and more than 30 people were sent into the frigid outdoors after an early-morning fire ravaged an apartment building on Parkside Drive in St. Thomas.

The fire, which happened Friday, was the city's third blaze in three days.

Firefighters arrived to find about 10 tenants on third-floor balconies. They were all safely rescued.

The cause is as yet unknown, but it's believed the

damage will run in the range of \$100,000.

The incident occurred less than a day after two fires within hours of each other that demolished most of a city clock on Talbot Street Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

Four businesses were destroyed, but only minor injuries were reported as firefighters tackled an inferno for more than 12 hours.

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Risk of exposed wires

Loblaws recalls LED Christmas lights

Loblaws is recalling, and advising customers to discontinue using, three types of Life at Home LED 70-count Outdoor Christmas lights.

The products might have loose or exposed wires, the company says.

No injuries have been reported due to the lights, but there is a risk of electrical shock, electrocution or fire.

The recall affects three products sold between September and Dec. 14 at Loblaws stores across

Canada.

The lights facing the recall notice are:

- Life at Home 70 C6 LED Outdoor White, size 1-by-1 with the UPC code 58703187931.
- Life at Home 70 LED Outdoor Blue, size 1-by-1 with UPC 58703187115.
- Life at Home 70 C6 LED Outdoor Multicolour, size 1-by-1 with UPC 58703188112.

Customers can return the product to any Loblaws store with or without a receipt. For details, call customer service at 800-296-2332 or email customerservice@loblaws.ca. **METRO**

Christmas is hard work, but getting it right is important. Want to mind your Ps and Qs? Wendy Mencil, London's etiquette guru, is here to ensure you don't make a grievous error when passing the salt.

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At work

"Don't buy your boss a gift unless that's the culture," says Mencil, founder of the Canadian School of Protocol and Etiquette. "Some companies expect it but others frown on it."

It's a good idea to set a budget, too, she says, to make sure you don't go too far or not far enough. And never, ever send your boss flowers, especially at home. That can cause problems with their spouse.

5 Christmas etiquette guides



Party on

One big etiquette faux pas that people commit on arrival, even in Canada, is failing to take off their shoes, the etiquette expert says.

Always ditch them at the door, even if nobody asks you to.

Other advice includes: Don't flirt. Think of the feelings of others and try to leave with the person you arrived with.

At the dinner table

Take care with the seating plan.

Our etiquette expert says the host — or whoever is carving the turkey — will usually take the head of the table.

The most important guest, and in families that's usually the oldest person, should sit to the right of the host, with the next most important person on the host's left.



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All in the family

"Don't have high expectations," says our expert. "Just go to see family to be with family."

Also, anticipate the challenges ahead, like a difficult relative or an old argument that may get reheated, and be ready for them. Ride it out.

If you're visiting someone, always take a "host gift," Mencil advises. It doesn't need to be expensive but it's polite to show your appreciation.



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Gift-giving 101

It's simple enough to choose gifts for your friends and family, but what about the other people you see regularly?

Should you give a gift to your kids' teacher, your letter carrier or the person who does your hair?

Don't feel obligated, says Mencil. If someone is well-paid otherwise, don't feel guilty if you leave them out.



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Province invests in Western University experts

Research at Western University can continue to lead the world, staff heard Friday as it was awarded more than \$7.4 million.

The money is from the Ontario Research Fund's research infrastructure program. It will support six teams, totalling almost 200 investigators and their staff.

"You're making a difference in the lives of people, and you're making me very, very proud to be a Londoner," London North Centre MPP Deb Matthews said.

The health minister was

at Western to announce the funding, which will buy state-of-the-art equipment for a variety of research projects there and at Lawson Health Research Institute.

It will give research teams the tools for ground-breaking research in areas including the development and testing of medical devices, audiology, imaging for biomechanics and clinical orthopaedics research, movement ecology of free-living birds, neuroimaging research and imaging research in oncology and cardiology.

Contributions

"London is clearly on the map when it comes to research."

London North Centre MPP Deb Matthews

Since it began in 2004, the province's fund has given \$760 million towards 1,755 research infrastructure projects. It's led to the recruitment and training of 20,617 people, including 4,803 researchers.

Western, said Matthews,

has received more than \$92 million from the fund.

"London is clearly on the map when it comes to research," she said.

Dr. David Holdsworth, whose team is receiving \$1.3 million to investigate bone and joint disorders, said the "tremendous impact" of provincial funding helps Western stay at the forefront of research.

"It's important to realize just how critical it is for researchers to have access to state-of-the-art equipment," he said.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Grants awarded

- \$705,911 to lead researcher Blaine Chronik for setting up a centre to develop and test medical devices
- \$1.2 million to lead researcher Christopher Guglielmo for studying the movement of birds
- \$765,565 to lead researcher Dr. Prudence Allen for research into hearing loss
- \$2.5 million to lead researcher Dr. Ravi Menon for neuroimaging research in "challenging" patients
- \$1,342,675 to lead researcher David Holdsworth for developing a facility to image bone and joint tissues
- \$961,524 to lead researcher Dr. Tim-Ying Lee for CT scanning methods to measure blood flow



A Zulu warrior plays a bugle as people gather during the funeral service of Nelson Mandela in Qunu, South Africa, Sunday. Insets: Around South Africa, people stopped to watch the funeral. From top left, people in Nelson Mandela Square; Vilakazi restaurant staff; resident John Kunene; Stedman Graham, Oprah Winfrey and Sir Richard Branson; a girl at the Orlando Stadium in Johannesburg; Prince Charles speaking with Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma. ANTOINE DE RAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; INSETS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nelson Mandela laid to rest

Solemnity and joy. Several thousand gather to take part in ceremonies for beloved former president and anti-apartheid hero

Nelson Mandela was buried in his home village on Sunday after a funeral that mixed ancient tribal rituals with a display of the might of the new, integrated South Africa.

Military officers rolled Mandela's flag-draped coffin to the family burial plot in the village of Qunu as formations of planes and military helicopters flew over the hills where thousands of mourners had gathered.

Unlike the public memorial on Tuesday at a stadium that was rife with problems, the funeral and burial went smoothly. The ceremonies mixed solemnity with joy at Mandela's accomplishments, lasted all morning and into the afternoon and were fit for African royalty.



Mandela's widow, Graca Machel, wipes her eyes during the service. ODD ANDERSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Several thousand gathered in a huge white tent at the Mandela family compound for the state funeral that preceded a private service at the gravesite. Songs, speeches and the boom of artillery rang across the fields.

Mandela, who spent 27 years in jail as a prisoner of the racist white government and emerged to lead a transition to a multiracial democracy, died on Dec. 5 at the age of 95 after

a long illness.

His portrait looked over the assembly in the tent from behind a bank of 95 candles representing each year of his remarkable life. His casket, transported to the tent on a gun carriage, rested on a carpet of cow skins below a lectern where speakers delivered eulogies.

Ahmed Kathrada, an anti-apartheid activist who was jailed on Robben Island with Mandela, remembered his old friend's "abundant reserves" of love, patience and tolerance. He said it was painful when he saw Mandela for the last time, months ago in his hospital bed. Some listeners wiped away tears as Kathrada spoke.

"He tightly held my hand, it was profoundly heartbreaking," Kathrada said, his voice quavering with emotion. "How I wish I never had to confront what I saw. I first met him 67 years ago and I recall the tall, healthy strong man, the boxer, the prisoner who easily wielded the pick and shovel when we couldn't do so."

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Nelson Mandela's casket is taken out of the makeshift dome where his funeral service was held in Qunu, South Africa, Sunday. ODD ANDERSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'A great tree has fallen'

In contrast to the military pomp, some speakers evoked the traditions of the Xhosa tribe, to which Mandela's Thembu clan belongs.

- "A great tree has fallen, he is now going home to rest with his forefathers," said Chief Ngangomhlaba Matanzima, a representa-

tive of Mandela's family.

- Another speaker, Zolani Mkiva, served for many years as Mandela's praise singer, a traditional role. "The bones of our ancestors are vibrating. The waves of African oceans are reverberating," he said.

Xhosa

Tribal rituals on display in Qunu

Nelson Mandela's casket was draped in a lion skin, an ox was ritually slaughtered and a family elder kept talking to the body's spirit: The state funeral for Nelson Mandela on Sunday included these rituals from the tradition of the Xhosa tribe, to whom Mandela's Thembu clan belongs.

Mandela's coffin was wrapped in the South African flag, standing atop animal skins during the funeral in Mandela's southeastern childhood village of Qunu. The ceremony was an eclectic mix of traditional rituals, Christian elements and the military honours of a state funeral.

His body was buried around noon, "when the sun is at its highest and the shadow at its shortest," Cyril Ramaphosa, deputy leader of the country's ruling party, the African National Congress, said during the ceremony.

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Ticketing scheme could save police cash



A demonstrator smokes a joint on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on April 20, 2010. Police would have the option of ticketing people for some minor offences under a new plan. PAWEŁ DWULIT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Proposal. Officers could ticket people for offences such as trespassing, nudity

Police would have the option of ticketing people for a range of minor offences — instead of laying criminal charges — under a plan that

could yield significant savings for the cash-strapped justice system.

Timothy Smith, a spokesman for the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, says the idea has emerged from discussions fostered by the federal government on curbing rising policing costs.

Under the proposal, officers would have the option of ticketing people for

offences such as causing a disturbance, public nudity, falsifying an employment record, soliciting prostitution, vagrancy or trespassing.

It builds on a resolution the Chiefs of Police passed last August that would give forces the discretion to issue a ticket under the Contraventions Act for possession of a small amount of cannabis.

Last January, the federal Public Safety minister hosted a summit on the economics of policing that included officers and chiefs from across the country, government officials and academics. Officials say the cost of policing is steadily rising — hitting more than \$12 billion in 2010 — even though the crime rate is falling.

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WikiLeaks documents. 13 federal departments had contracts with U.S. firm

At least 13 Canadian government agencies have had subscriptions with U.S. private intelligence firm Strategic Forecasting, Inc. or Stratfor, sometimes dubbed a shadow CIA, newly released WikiLeaks emails indicate.

Stratfor came under fire recently after a leaked company document prepared for an oil company outlined ways to counter activist groups, such as Greenpeace, who oppose Canada's oil-sands development.

The same cache of leaked emails indicates Canadian federal agencies have purchased at least half a million

dollars in Stratfor services.

Emails from January 2009 and February 2011 show invoices of \$13,125 and \$13,725 for one-year Stratfor subscriptions for Foreign Affairs and International Trade, which were not publicly disclosed by the department.

Under proactive disclosure policy, Canadian government contracts worth more than \$10,000 must be posted on the web.

Foreign Affairs spokesperson Jean-Bruno Villeneuve says there was a clerical error in not reporting the contracts.

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The home page of the Stratfor website is seen on a computer monitor in January 2012. CASSANDRA VINOGRAD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Venezuela

Bomb threat grounds Air France flight

A Paris-bound flight was rescheduled for Sunday after Venezuela grounded an Air France plane that French intelligence authorities said terrorists might have been planning to blow up. Venezuela's intelligence agency declined to comment on the threat, saying it isn't authorized to discuss the case.

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Florida

Teen charged with kidnapping

A 17-year-old faces kidnapping and carjacking charges after authorities say he stole a car with a baby inside. Daytona Beach police said their detectives spotted two stolen vehicles driving together on Friday. One had recently been stolen from a car dealership. The car stopped at a gas station where three men jumped out and took off. The baby was not injured.

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Canada Goose spreads wings, migrates overseas

Status symbol. The Toronto-based parka company is flying high, and aims to soar to new heights worldwide



Dani Reiss, president and CEO of Canada Goose Inc., in his office. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The head of Canada Goose is setting his sights on India and other parts of Asia as he looks beyond cold weather for future growth in the jacket business.

Dani Reiss concedes that stocking shelves in warm climates might seem usual, but he says it makes sense for the company's high-end outerwear, which has become a fashion statement as well as a way to stay warm.

"Cold is relative. Tokyo is our best market in Asia and it never goes below zero," the chief executive said in an interview at the company's headquarters in midtown Toronto.

"Just like someone in Toron-

to buys a Range Rover, someone in Tokyo buys a Canada Goose jacket."

Canada Goose is at a turning point.

Take a glimpse of any city street this time of year and you'll likely see Canadians wrapped in the jackets em-

blazoned with the company's trademark badge on the sleeve and a fur-trimmed hood. Reiss wants to boost the company's reputation beyond Canada where it sometimes seems like the jackets couldn't get any more popular.

Last week, Canada Goose

Costly coats

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Each jacket costs between \$500 and \$1,200, depending on the style, and while that qualifies as a prestige product, its popularity transcends other pricey brands.

struck a deal with Bain Capital that gives the U.S. private investment firm a majority stake in the brand and promises the kind of financial support that will help it push into new markets. Reiss will maintain what he calls a "significant minority position."

"They'll consider expanding the brand beyond just coats," said David Detomasi, assistant professor of international business at Queen's University.

Think Canada Goose watches, sports equipment or even down duvets that are marketed as the warmest bedding in the world.

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WHY ALL THE HOSTILE COMMENTATORS?

Among those younger than, let's say 50 years old, I suppose I'm a bit of a rarity.

When it comes to getting my news, I still enjoy reading a physical newspaper. In fact, like many of you, that's how I read Metro — whether that means picking one up from a box, getting one downtown or grabbing one on a bus.

There's something about flipping through real newsprint pages that still speaks to me as a news consumer. Of course, it's not the only way I get my news, and there are certainly drawbacks to this "old-fashioned" style, which aren't limited to the black fingerprint smudges I leave around the house.

Online, of course, the world's news is at our fingertips, and we're able to find specifically what we're looking for — often far more quickly than offline.

But you know what's nice about traditional print newspapers? When I'm finished reading a story, I don't immediately see other readers arguing with each other, usually in a conversation that quickly devolves into the worst type of human discourse.



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This is hardly a new phenomenon, of course. If, like me, you occasionally make the decision to scroll down and check out the comments section on a news site, you know exactly what I'm talking about.

To call the dialogue mean-spirited would be doing a great disservice to the term mean-spirited. Why are we so angry? Is it simply the cloak of anonymity? Or is it some sort of online affect that kills any sort of inhibition?

We often hear of cyber-bullying among kids and teenagers. But when it comes to hate on the Internet, there are no age boundaries.

Scientists have theorized that things would go down a whole lot differently if people making comments had to make eye contact with their

online adversaries. With eye contact comes empathy, they say. After all, we (usually) don't see this same behaviour in 'real life.' But imagine if we did?

It's both entertaining and scary to think about how an online comment section would play out in your day-to-day life.

Let's say you're sitting in the lunchroom at the office and you see a news item on the TV that piques your interest. Perhaps you make a comment, to no one in particular. Then, Bob from accounting calls you an idiot and says you know nothing about the topic in question.

Jane from human resources, who you've always thought was nice, accuses Bob of being a racist for some reason. Others chime in, taking sides and yelling at one another.

The conversation turns political, and terms like "lib-tard" are thrown around. And finally, the whole thing turns into a religious argument.

After a good deal of yelling, everyone leaves in a huff. Uh, good luck at work the next day.

My advice? Stay away from comment sections. One Twitter account I follow called, Don't Read Comments, agrees wholeheartedly.

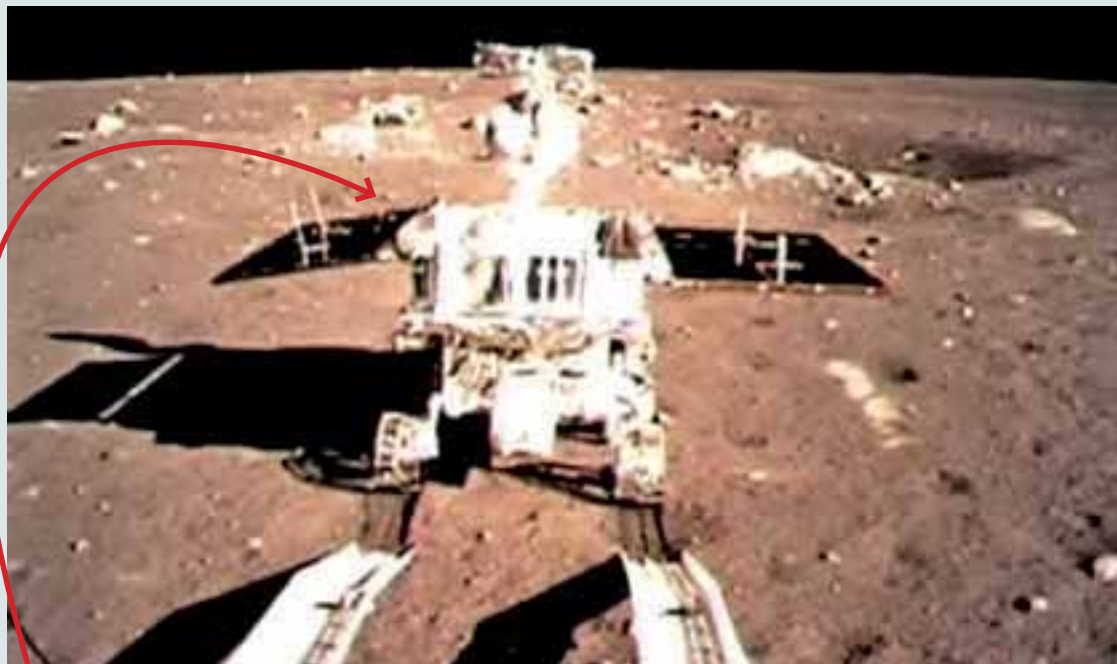
I have chuckled more than a few times at their tweets. One of my favourites: "Instead of reading the comments on that article, consider sending a quick email to a loved one."



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China makes its first moon landing



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Rover, lander snap pics of each other

In this image taken by the on-board camera of the lunar probe Chang'e-3 and made off the screen of the Beijing Aerospace Control Center in Beijing, China's first moon rover Jade Rabbit touches the lunar surface Sunday.

State broadcaster China

Central Television showed images taken from the lander's camera of the rover and its shadow moving down a sloping ladder and touching the surface, setting off applause in the Beijing control centre.

China has completed the world's first soft landing of a space probe on the moon in nearly four decades.

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The mission

- The six-wheeled rover will survey the moon's geological structure and surface and look for natural resources for three months, while the lander will carry out scientific explorations at the landing site for one year.
- The mission marks the

next stage in an ambitious space program that aims to eventually put a Chinese astronaut on the moon. China's space program is an enormous source of pride for the country, the third to carry out a lunar soft landing — which does not damage the craft and the equipment it carries.

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"We are looking for highly intelligent individuals. To find them, we have devised a test."

Thus began a simple message, written in white text against a black background, signed "3301" and uploaded to a 4chan message board in 2012, kicking off a cryptic Internet mystery known as Cicada 3301.

Consisting of images and encoded messages designed to challenge the most cryptically-minded, the mystery that began with that simple message is a sprawling labyrinth that winds through math, poetry, ancient runes and steampunk, eventually leading those taking up the challenge to real locations across the world, where posters and QR codes are the cache.

Eventually, the ace brains who have cracked the code and overcome obstacles like message boards and forums purposefully seeded with misinformation find themselves in what's known as The Onion Router — a "dark Internet" of sites that are not indexed by search engines. The puzzles and messages become

private and those who got close to the prize are left to wonder what they were participating in.

So what is it all about? Speculation has it that the NSA, CIA or some other government agency is using the teasers to recruit new operatives.

Or perhaps it's a private endeavour looking for cryptology candidates to staff their operations.

Whoever is behind it, only a very select few have been able to learn. And they've been remarkably tight-lipped once the puzzles go private.

The first Cicada puzzle emerged on Jan. 4, 2012. A second was released to the web on the same date in 2013.

Will there be a third iteration? That's just as big a mystery.

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Can you spot the real 12 Days of Christmas verse among these mondegreens? iStock

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And a paltry tin-affair tree!

Say what? Do you really know what you're singing when it comes to Christmas carol lyrics?

Milk and spiders? Nine lazy Hansons? Sleep in heavenly peas?

It's that time of year: holiday music time. And with holiday music comes all the strange and twisted things we sometimes think we're hearing.

Mondegreens, the moniker for misheard words in song, aren't restricted to holiday standards, of course, but the old-timey language of some seems to serve as a botched-lyric magnet.

Lest you think funny turns on song lyrics are the stuff of childhoods, Missy O'Reilly knows otherwise. She's an actress, comedian and co-owner of Planet Rose, a karaoke haven on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

"I'm the biggest Christmas nerd, so I'm always encouraging people to sing Christmas music," she said. "Some people are really surprised when they see what the real words are."

Look no further than Snopes.com for handy examples submitted by readers of the website that collects and

debunks urban legends, folklore, myths, rumours and misinformation. Noting that mondegreens aren't parody, but words we actually think we're listening to, Snopes keeps a list of holiday gems.

For The Twelve Days of Christmas, there's "ten lawyers leaving" and "nine lazy Hansons." Later we've got "six geezers laying," along with "a paltry tin-affair tree." Those are in lieu of lords a-leaping, ladies dancing, geese a-laying and the obligatory partridge in a pear tree, FYI.

If ever you've made it to the fourth verse of Winter Wonderland, you'll be relieved to know it doesn't include "Later on milk and spiders, as we dream by the fire," but rather: "Later on we'll conspire ..." And that snowman you may or may not build in the meadow? You should pretend he's "Parson Brown," not "sparse and brown," or "parched and brown." Just sayin'.

There are most definitely no "peas" in Silent Night, but "heavenly peace." In Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town, the big guy in red does this: "making a list, checkin' it twice." Not this: "making a list, of chicken and rice."

Sometimes, O'Reilly said, an entire holiday song is one big what? She was thinking of the haunting yet beautiful — to

What's in a word?

What's a mondegreen? According to Grant Barrett, co-host of the public radio show *A Way With Words*, the word mondegreen can be traced to Sylvia Wright and a column she wrote in *Harper's Magazine* in 1954 titled *The Death of Lady Mondegreen*. Wright discovered that for years she had botched the last line of the first stanza of

the Scottish folk ballad *The Bonnie Earl o'Moray*.

How it goes, with spellings based on updates of antiquated English: "They have slain the Earl of Moray, and laid him on the green."

What she heard: "They have slain the Earl of Moray, and Lady Mondegreen."

the ears of some critics — Fairytale of New York, co-written by Shane MacGowen of the Celtic punk group The Pogues.

An Irish immigrant recalling a Christmas Eve stay in a New York City drunk tank tells of an inebriated older cellmate whose rendition of a traditional ballad spins the thickly brogued narrator (MacGowen) into a raunchy imagining of a debauched life with the old ditty's female character.

"It's a beautiful, beautiful song but people are always confused by what the words are," O'Reilly said. "It's really hard to decipher the words."

Not to get all wonky, but the song isn't really a mondegreen. Grant Barrett, co-host of the public radio show on language *A Way with Words* defines mondegreens this way,

explaining they can happen for poetry and other spoken language as well:

"You're mishearing where one word ends and another word begins. This is called misdivision. And sometimes you're mishearing a word itself. It sounds like another word to you, and so you try to match that sound up with a word that you already know that kind of fits into the plot, if there is one. And that's called reanalysis," he said.

Don't mind him. He's a lexicographer, and he claims he has no mondegreens of his own.

"I misremember," said Barrett, in San Diego. "That's different. I always joke that I know the first 10 per cent of thousands of songs and that's it."

Babes are little mondegreen machines. Paula

Werne, who works at a holiday theme park in Santa Claus, Ind., had one in her son, John, who is now 22.

As a tot of three he took to singing Jolly Old Saint Nicholas to his stuffed animals out of a Christmas songbook, mom said. Only he turned "Christmas Eve is coming soon; now you dear old man," into "dirty old man."

Them's fightin' words in Werne's town, but she and her husband let it go. "It was too cute and he was so happy that he knew all the words," Werne said. "By the next year, he'd figured it out. I still sing it that way, though."

Russell Rabut doesn't have any mondegreens, but he is one.

The 22-year-old senior at San Diego State University, majoring in — what else, English — plays rhythm guitar in a band called The Mondegreens. He took the name to his band mates, all high school friends from Chico, Calif., after a fellow student in a creative writing class mentioned it.

"I had never heard of it before. It's a very beautiful word and it's cool how it came to exist," he said. "It just seems like such an eloquent irony, that existing art can spin something poetic by accident."

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Steven Van Zandt is still a tough guy, well, on Netflix's Lilyhammer, at least

Interview. The man who never wanted to be the Sopranos' boss dishes on the Boss and the changing nature of television

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Metro World News

Depending on where their interests lie, most people probably know Steven Van Zandt as Tony Soprano's main man Silvio or Bruce Springsteen's main man and longtime guitarist for the Boss's E Street Band.

These days, however, Van Zandt has a whole new gig, playing — you guessed it — a New York mafioso hiding out in Norway on Netflix's Lilyhammer. Van Zandt produces, writes and stars in the show, which was Netflix's first original series, paving the way for the likes of House of Cards and Orange Is the New Black.

We got Van Zandt, who just might be the busiest man in show biz, on the line to talk TV, music and mobsters



Steven Van Zandt might be the hardest working person in show business today. HANDOUT

How do you feel that new platforms like Netflix are changing the game for television?

Well, you have this idea of a global network. You picture five years down the road, they're going to have a lot of territories, which means it's going to be one stop shopping for content creators, which is a wonderful new concept. And

I believe they're the first of what I believe is going

to be a whole new series of global, digitally distributed networks. You know, I believe there will be a Google TV, and an Apple TV. Who knows who? In the end, what's going to distinguish one network from another is the original content. So I think we'll see that in the next five years or so, they're just a little bit ahead of the game. And I think putting all the episodes up at once is a little bit ahead of everybody else, and is very much how people

watch things now.

So how did you end up playing a mobster again? Is it a writing what you know sort of thing?

No, no. I had no intention of doing that. But it happens to be something I know a lot about, so it saved me a whole lot of research. But, no, this brilliant husband-and-wife found me — I was producing a Norwegian band that's on my label in Bergen, Norway — and they said

'listen, we have an idea' and in one sentence it was 'Norwegian, gangster, Lilyhammer' and I just thought a bunch of things simultaneously. One of which was, I can't possibly do this, I just played a gangster for 10 years. And soon after that I thought, this is a terrific idea.

Was it difficult, at first, playing Frank differently than you played Silvio?

No, I really do an extensive biography of the guy and what his whole thing and history and likes and dislikes are. And it was really obvious to me that Silvio was the only guy on Sopranos who didn't want to be the boss. But this guy really is a boss, and much more outgoing and much less having to be concerned over his job.

Do you find it hard convincing people you're a nice guy, always playing mobsters?

(Laughs) No, because I'm not. I'm not a particularly nice guy actually!

Fair enough! Well, what are some different types of characters you'd like to play in the future?

I don't know if I've ever thought about it that way. I have about 10 different treatments in the works right

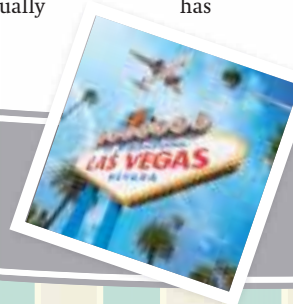
now, that I'll probably pursue at some point, and there are many different characters.

I understand you had to take time off from touring with Springsteen to film this new season, and Tom Morello (of Audioslave/Rage Against the Machine) filled in for you. Was it hard to give that up?

No, no, not really. It was unfortunate, but I feel lucky that my life doesn't overlap more than it does, actually. Just that last tour alone, which was a two year tour, I did a second season of Lilyhammer and I directed a Broadway show for the Rascals, in addition to my radio show and everything else — and that was while I was on tour.

I feel like Springsteen has gotten more prolific than ever, in his old age. Do you think he has a ton more albums left in him?

I don't see him slowing down at all, you're right. I agree with you. You know, maybe not quite as crazy prolific as ... writing 80 songs for each record, you know, literally. But he certainly always has an album in his pocket; he usually has two.



Sister Wives

Judge sides with stars of polygamist reality TV show

A federal judge has ruled in favour of a polygamist family that stars in the TV reality show Sister Wives, saying that key parts of Utah's polygamy laws are unconstitutional. U.S. District Court Judge Clark Waddoups says in the ruling that the phrase in Utah law that references cohabitating with another person is a violation of the First

Amendment. Kody Brown and his four wives filed their lawsuit in July 2011. Washington D.C.-based attorney Jonathan Turley argued the case before Waddoups in January. The Salt Lake Tribune reports Waddoups also took a narrow interpretation of the words "marry" and "purports to marry" in his ruling. That means that bigamy remains illegal in Utah only in the literal sense, such as when someone fraudulently acquires multiple marriage licenses.

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Kevin Spacey stars in House of Cards. HANDOUT

House of Cards. Spacey's character even dirtier in new season of Netflix's own political drama

Coming on Feb. 14 to Netflix is a new season of the streaming service's original series House of Cards, which also has its own teaser trailer. Kevin Spacey's ruthlessly ambitious character Francis Underwood looks to be even more diabolical than he was in season one. As

it does with most of its original shows, Netflix will make all 13 episodes of the second season available to stream all at once on Valentine's Day. The political drama also stars actresses Robin Wright and Kate Mara, and actor Corey Stoll.

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No Stranger to the world of matchmaking

Millionaire Matchmaker. Hostess Patti highlights common dating mistakes and why using the Internet is a must for anyone looking for love

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Metro World News in NYC

Say what you want about Patti Stanger, a.k.a. Bravo's Millionaire Matchmaker (and you could say a lot — the woman isn't exactly known for being reserved, to put it mildly), but the career matchmaker and dating expert knows a thing or two about the language of love. Or, at least, the language of prepping two strangers for an awkward date and hoping they've followed her advice. (And heaven help the poor dater who neglects to follow Stanger's advice.)

Now in its seventh season, *The Millionaire Matchmaker* features wealthy but hapless men (and sometimes ladies, too) who turn to Stanger's dating club in an effort to find that elusive person — The One.

And, if that unicorn isn't out there, they at least hope to find someone who can stand their company (and stand to spend their money) long enough to let them into their pants. It's a tough world out there for the



Patti Stanger hosts Bravo's Millionaire Matchmaker. GETTY IMAGES

single and romantically-challenged, and Stanger wields tough-love dating advice with an iron fist. We checked in with the matchmaker in preview of the show's new season to get some dating advice for the perennially single among us, out here in the real world.

What's the most common mistake you see guys making, in the early stages of dating? Not making the plans for the date. Just winging it, thinking, 'where can we go?' And in a big city, especially around Christmas

time, you need a reservation.

What about women?

Women talk about the ex too much. They complain about dating, which neutralizes the date and conversation — and isn't sexy. They over-talk things.

In that case, what are some of your main pieces of advice for guys and girls, when setting out on a first date?

I think the first thing is making it fun and flirty. Even if you don't end up with that person, you definitely plan a great date, and a woman should definitely be appreciative of it. And if a date isn't good, then think about fixing that person up with someone you know. If you do that, they'll owe you, and will usually set you up with someone they know. It's all part of keeping the train moving out of the station. Six degrees of separation is almost 90 per cent of how people meet. And the other thing is getting proactive. Getting online — it's not for the dateless and the desperate! Facebook, LinkedIn, people are now using that for dating. Find your niche. If your niche is business, then do it on LinkedIn.

Speaking to that, how do you think the dating landscape has changed with the rise of online dating?

We have more opportunity to meet people we've never met before, internationally, not just in the United States. And it's big. But we're disposable at the same time. So, even though we're getting more avenues and more people, we're discarding quicker and we're not giving people a chance, because maybe their shoes are wrong or maybe they don't have enough hair on their head. Then the other thing is that we know too much about our lives. Let's say, for instance, that you're tweeting about the place you went last night, and you got drunk with your girlfriends. You had a really great time, and you came home at 2 a.m., and maybe you cursed a little on Twitter. A guy sees that and he's like, 'OK, I liked her up until that point' and he judges her. So we are judging everyone now.

So, you wouldn't suggest Googling or stalking a potential date through social media?

For a woman, it's proactive to Google a man. Like, to see that there aren't 20 girls on the Internet saying that he stuck them with the bill or

that he stranded them in a restaurant. But if you're doing it a) to find out their net worth or b) to see what their story is, then you're going to snooze, you lose. Most men have the worst pictures they ever dreamed of themselves on their Facebook pages. And they don't think about that stuff, it's not important to them. The image of the girl is, but not themselves. So you're going to discard a guy — because women are much more critical when it comes to looks — because he wore the wrong pair of pants and is still wearing his members only jacket.

Wait, do you really think that women are more critical of looks than men?
Yeah, way more. That's why I never show the men's pictures to them. I always show women's pictures to men, but not the other way around. I think they are critical of themselves, and they magnify it on the men. Because a woman is overweight, or she's not pretty enough or her boobs are flat — then she reflect it on the man. It's projection.

On the show you have no sex before monogamy rule...
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And have a serious relationship.



Anthropologist sees the bright side of bingeing

61 per cent of Netflix users do it. Grant McCracken's research reveals that people are more engaged by today's 'better' TV

Most Internet users who regularly stream TV shows online define “binge viewing” as watching as few as two episodes back-to-back in one sitting or as many as six, accord-

ing to survey results released Friday by Netflix.

About 61 per cent of the users polled said they binge watch regularly, and nearly three in four users said they don't feel guilty doing it.

While the survey results are based on online polling in the U.S., Netflix also commissioned Canadian cultural anthropologist Grant McCracken to visit half a dozen Toronto households and a number of others south of the border to talk about how users watch TV. McCracken

observed that those who have moved away from the old-fashioned channel surfing, schedule-based style of TV viewing — whether because of Netflix, having a PVR to record shows, or watching DVDs and Blu-rays — seemed much more passionate about what they watch.

"It's kind of an evolutionary pattern here, we're moving away from the couch potato ... to a moment where people are watching shows in a more concentrated, thoughtful, engaged way

and as that's happening TV is actually getting better." He cited *The Wire* — which isn't available on Netflix — as one show that generated some interesting conversations about why people enjoy bingeing on deeper shows that don't fit the typical prime-time mould.

"People talk about — and they're right to talk about — the magnificent complexity of a thing like *The Wire*, for a lot of people it's their introduction to TV that is jewel-like in its complexity," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



The Coen brothers return to 1960s NYC

Inside Llewyn Davis.

The filmmaking duo talk about how to create a film's feel



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With *Inside Llewyn Davis*, directors Joel and Ethan Coen return to the New York City of the early 1960s, a place and time they haven't visited since *The Hudsucker Proxy* in 1994. They're not big fans of repeating themselves, after all — though still might have a Barton Fink sequel up their sleeves.

You've said *Inside Llewyn Davis* might be your last film actually shot on film.

Joel: No, yeah, we don't know. It's sort of an evolving thing because we don't know what we're doing next, we don't know where the technology's going to be at. It's possible, I guess. Certainly that's the way the business is going. People are still shooting on film, though.

It's kind of our preference.

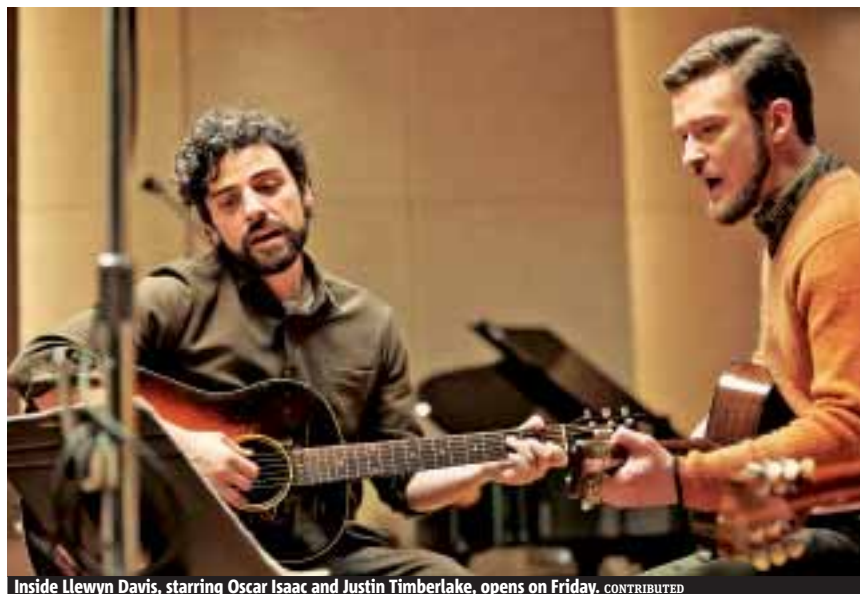
It's interesting how film is becoming a sort of luxury choice for shooting.

Joel: You know, honestly, people say that but I don't think it's more expensive because I think that there's a rule in show business that any savings that could be realized from new technology, the business conspires to absorb those things and make it cost just as much as the old way of doing things. I don't actually think it's more economical. There may be other advantages, though.

One thing I noticed, as a long-time fan of *The Hudsucker Proxy*, is that movie took place in the same city maybe a year or two before this one.

Ethan: Yeah, it's true! Our other New York movie. That's about the same time. We've written another one that takes place in 1962 in New York.

Joel: But that's true, *Hudsucker* was around the same time. But *Norville* wasn't going down to the Village. We did have a juice and coffee bar [scene], though.



Inside Llewyn Davis, starring Oscar Isaac and Justin Timberlake, opens on Friday. CONTRIBUTED

thinking about laying your films out chronologically and watching them.

Joel: That's kind of interesting. So what would be the earliest? I guess *True Grit*, then *Miller's Crossing*. Then *O Brother [Where Art Thou]*, then...

Ethan: *Barton Fink*, which was 1941.

How much does the decade a story takes place go into the decision-making about a project?

Ethan: It goes into

the identity of the project. It's not something you kind of consider in isolation from it. You're thinking about a story, its characters who occupy a particular setting. So the setting is a time and place. It's all one big mush.

Joel: Yeah, it's a big mush. But it's important. It's part of what stimulates you in terms of thinking about the story.

Ethan: It's only the most obvious way to make the point, but you could say it about each of them. *Miller's Cross-*

ing, they're characters, kind of gangsters, who would only be there then. The characters wouldn't make sense in another setting.

And I guess folk singers in New York, there's a limited time that makes sense.

Ethan: Yes. (laughs)

Joel: Then, for instance, people are always asking us if we would ever do a sequel to one of our movies, and the only one that has ever been interesting to us is ac-

Movie ticket sales

Hobbits stand tall at the box office

Undaunted hobbits trumped princess power at the multiplex. Per studio estimates Sunday, Warner Bros.' *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug* was No. 1 at the weekend box office with \$73.7 million, besting last weekend's No. 1 film, Disney's animated fable *Frozen*. Melting down to the No. 2 position, *Frozen* earned \$22.2 million in its third weekend, bringing its impressive overall domestic ticket total to nearly \$164.4 million. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ually doing a movie called *Old Fink*, which would be [Barton] Fink during 1967, the *Summer of Love* in San Francisco, when he's older and a professor at Berkeley.

Ethan: We're waiting for John Turturro to get old enough. You don't want to do one of those makeup jobs, you know?

Joel: I think he's getting pretty close.

Ethan: He is actually getting pretty close.



Rossellini gets down and dirty with bugs

Science and art.

Actress takes her wild and weird two-minute films to the stage

Isabella Rossellini is very popular these days with her show that sounds like it should be dull. After all, it's a scientific theatre piece about animals.

"It's also about sex," says Rossellini, laughing. "That's

what makes it popular. If it was about the digestive system, I don't think anyone would enjoy it as much."

Rossellini, 61, has transformed her 40-odd *Green Porno* short films into an hour-long stage show, giving the actress a chance to go more in depth with some of the animal kingdom's weirdest inhabitants.

Her two-minute films were a web sensation, offering morsels about the reproductive

habits of insects and ocean life and a clever dose of low-budget filmmaking, including paper costumes.

It was a kick watching the daughter of Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini talk about the lusty behaviour of bugs, shrimp and starfish in her sexy European accent. "I don't think I'm bad-looking as a worm or as an anchovy," she says, and she's right.

The stage show is structured like a lecture that goes

a bit looney — Rossellini's podium will house various puppets and tricks — she makes three costume changes and some of her short films will be broadcast on a screen. It's all grounded in hard science — Rossellini is earning a master's in animal behaviour and conservation at Hunter College.

The show is at the Brooklyn Academy of Music from Jan. 16-25.

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Isabella Rossellini
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Hollywood brief

Peter O'Toole dies after long illness

Peter O'Toole, the charismatic actor who achieved instant stardom as *Lawrence of Arabia* and was nominated eight times for an Academy Award, has died. He was 81. O'Toole's agent Steve Kenis says the actor died Saturday at a hospital following a long illness.

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'Tis the season for anti-holiday films

There aren't many actual festive movies out this holiday season; Christmas Day instead brings a movie about old guys boxing and one where greedy mega-capitalists do drugs and bang hookers for three hours. For the non-believers or even just Grinchs among us, there's a fair amount of films that call into question the season.

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Brazil (1985)

There's a fairly immense cottage industry of films just incidentally set during the holidays. One would be Terry Gilliam's dystopian classic, where the awakening of one shy bureaucrat (Jonathan Pryce) is contrasted with the materialistic cheer of gift-giving in a futuristic England where the rich have gotten used to frequent terrorist bombings.



Die Hard (1988) Gremlins (1985)

There's also a cottage industry of action/horror/thrillers with immense Christmas trees in the background and dead people in Santa Claus costumes. Die Hard features Bruce Willis battling Alan Rickman and posse on Christmas Eve, while Gremlins unleashes homicidal pranksters around the holidays.



The Ref (1994)

Annual holiday staples rarely come better than this nasty little number, in which a profane crook (Denis Leary) kidnaps a couple (Judy Davis and Kevin Spacey) who just happen to be on the verge of a nasty divorce. Leary tries to intervene with his Bill Hick knockoff shtick, but eventually even he can't compete with his captors' near-Ingmar Bergman-esque pain, only with far more cussing.



Eyes Wide Shut (1999)

Stanley Kubrick had Jack Nicholson unraveling over a long winter break in The Shining. Why not try it with Tom Cruise? After getting high with his wife (Nicole Kidman) results in her confessing that she's lusted for others, Cruise heads out into the night for a series of adventures, leading to a tony masked orgy outside of NYC limits.



A Christmas Tale (2008)

French filmmaker Arnaud Desplechin's (Kings and Queen) contribution to the holidays is an epic of dysfunction, only with a family who've gotten used to not getting along and have reached some kind of brittle compromise. Fists fly, everyone drinks too much and there's even some sex, but that's how this family rolls.



White Reindeer (2013)

Christmas fanatic Anna Margaret Hollyman comes home to find her husband lying on the ground, his head bludgeoned by robbers. She starts questioning the suburban persona she's crafted over the years, especially once she befriends the stripper her husband used to frequent. Happy holidays!

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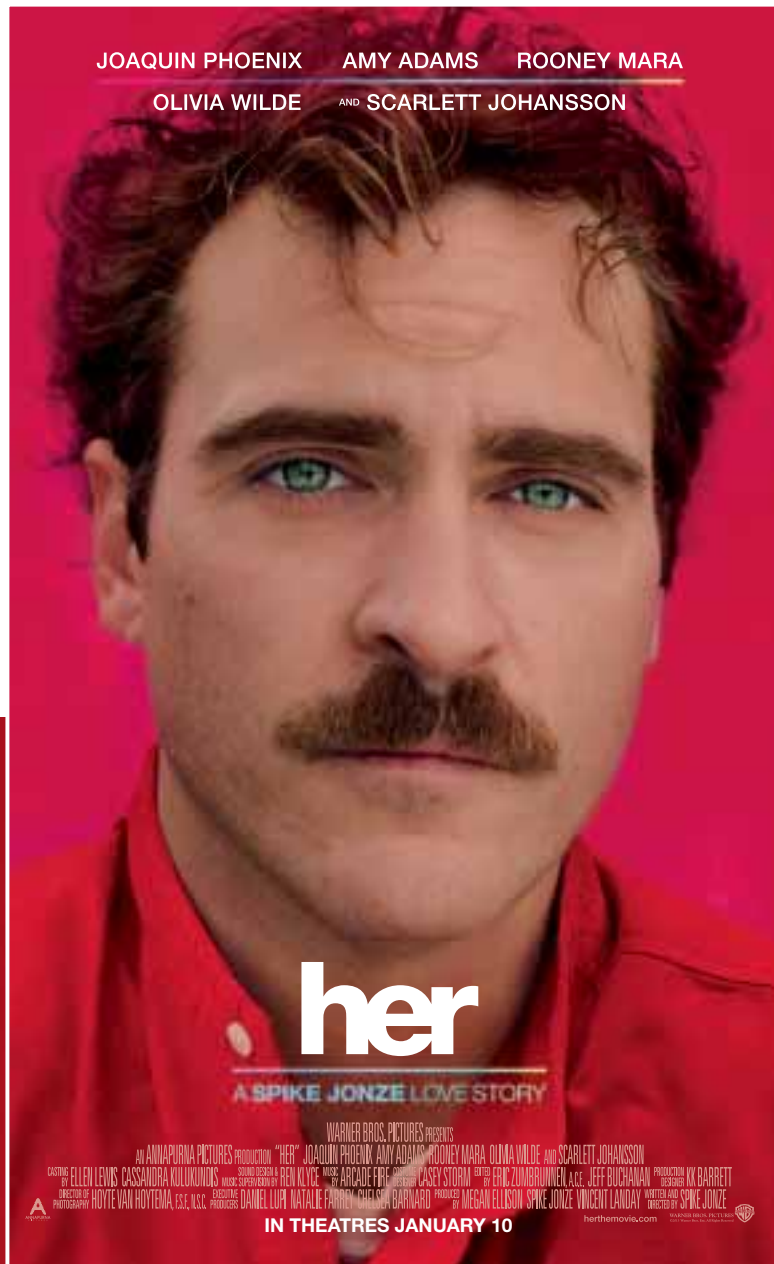
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Beyoncé's album surprises everyone

New album *Beyoncé*.

Announced and released on the same day, the star's latest offering generates so much chatter on Twitter it breaks record



Beyoncé announced and released new album *Beyoncé* in a similar manner to Jay Z's most recent album *Magna Carta Holy Grail*. AP PHOTO

Beyoncé has released her new album in an unconventional way: She announced and dropped it on the same day.

The singer released *Beyoncé* exclusively on iTunes early Friday. She mirrors how Jay Z released *Magna Carta Holy Grail* earlier this year — through a deal with Samsung where he gave the album to 1 million users of Galaxy mobile phones days before its official release.

Beyoncé's fifth effort features 14 songs and 17 videos. Jay Z, Drake and Frank Ocean make guest appearances on the album, while the closing track, *Blue*, features her daughter, Blue Ivy. Justin Timberlake co-wrote the songs *Rocket* and *Partition*, and Pharrell, Timbaland, Ryan Tedder, Miguel and Sia also co-wrote tracks. The song (asterisk)(asterisk)(asterisk) *Flawless* — which incorporates part of "Bow Down/I Been On," a song Beyoncé posted earlier this year — uses audio from a speech about feminism by Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

The album caused a stir on social media websites, with fans posting about the release early Friday morning. Twitter said Beyoncé's album release generated over 1.2 million tweets in 12 hours, with a tweets-per-minute spike of 5,300. The tweets-per-minute count around the album surpassed the record set when the Syfy TV movie *Sharknado* aired in July, Twitter added.

Billboard said Friday that "*Beyoncé*" will likely debut on top of its charts next week.

"Our early numbers are showing that this is likely heading toward a No. 1 debut on the Billboard 200 albums chart with only three days of the tracking week," said Bill Werde, the editor of Billboard.

Billboard closes the tracking week on Sundays, and typical albums are released on Monday or Tuesday.

On Friday afternoon, the explicit and clean versions of "*Beyoncé*" ranked No. 1 and No. 2 on the iTunes albums chart.

Along with Beyoncé and Jay Z, other leaders in pop music have released albums in new ways recently: For her *Red* album last year, Taylor Swift had partnerships with Target, Walgreens and Papa John's; and Lady Gaga sold 440,000 copies of her *Born This Way* album on Amazon for just 99 cents when it was on sale for two days in 2011, helping the album sell 1.1 million in its debut week. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Lindsay Lohan.

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Lohan getting back to her old ways

Allegedly ordering friends to beat up Barron Hilton appears to be just a small part of Lindsay Lohan's wild week in Miami for Art Basel, as the troubled post-rehab starlet reportedly "threw tantrums all week," according to Radar Online.

"Lindsay was a mess at every event at Art Basel," a source says.

So what had Lohan so in a state? Run-ins with the Miami-based ex-girlfriend of Morgan O'Connor, the 18-year-old model Lohan has been dating.

"Lindsay had a tantrum when she would see Morgan's ex-girlfriend at events," a source explains.



David Beckham.

Beckham's kids want to get tattoos

David Beckham is learning the hard way that dissuading your kids from getting tattoos is particularly difficult when you yourself have more than 30 pieces on your body.

"They've already said they're having tattoos done," Beckham told Jonathan Ross during an interview.

"And I said, 'Well, be different. Don't have any tattoos.' They said, 'No, we're going to have one. We're going to have Mum and Dad.' So I can't really say no to that."

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The Word

Britney Spears wants to ruin yet another life



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Britney Spears says she really wants to have a baby girl, a "mini-me," so she won't feel as alone in the world anymore. She did, however, also say that it's not just that she's selfish or anything and that having a baby is also "a good excuse to buy Skittles."

Scandal's Season 3 has been shortened due to Kerry Washington's pregnancy. And they couldn't just give us four episodes of Cyrus and Mellie scheming while pretending Olivia got caught by B-613? #dearhofgoodideas #bitterbitterfan.

At this year's Jingle Ball Miley Cyrus twerked with Santa Claus and Selena Gomez cursed and angrily walked off stage. Sadly, Justin Bieber and his No-pants Elf Dancers couldn't



make it.

After all the bad reviews of her performance in The Sound of Music Live!, Carrie Underwood tweeted, "Plain and simple: Mean people need Jesus...." Said Jesus, "Well sure, but you must remember, Carrie, that critique does not equal

meanness. Also, that rust-coloured dress sure didn't do you any favours."

MTV names Miley Cyrus Artist of the Year. We're so very, very sorry, Franz von Schneiderlick. You will just have to continue making your impressionist straw tableaux in obscurity.

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Entertaining the kids in the car, plane or train on the way to grandma's house is a challenge. But parents are often

left scrambling to find something for the kids to do once there. You don't want to drag along the whole toy room, but find some space to pack items to keep the kids busy.

Building blocks, like Lego, are terrific as the kids can continually create new things. Buy the bucket of blocks versus the kits. The kits tend to have an "all finished"

sense once completed, whereas the "free building" can go on forever.

Stop by the dollar store and pick up basic arts and crafts supplies. Non-permanent markers and construction paper are great for making decorations.

A deck of cards and a popular board game can fill hours of time.

Download movies or TV shows that the kids love on your own laptop or tablet, if you're unsure what TV channels or internet access the grandparents have. Rogers' new Kids Zone portal has many pre-selected loved shows from channels you trust. You can set up a playlist so you know exactly what they're watching. Grand times. **KATHY BUCKWORTH IS THE AUTHOR OF I AM SO THE BOSS OF YOU.**



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Cookies, gifts and...meditation?

Q&A. The big man in red is exceptionally busy around this time of year, what with toy-making and list-checking — but he did find time to chat

Greetings, Santa! We're so grateful to speak with you, considering how hectic your schedule must be right now. It's the most wonderful time of the year! And it is busy, but it is always a delight to talk to you.

How do you manage your time?

That's one of the most difficult things about the job — that it does take a lot of time and energy, focus, concentration, meditation and prayers.

Santa meditates?

Of course — everyone should have meditation. It's the moments of thinking of nothing that so many wonderful joyous things come. It's kind of a gift that I give to myself as Santa,



Santa says oatmeal raisin cookies are great but he'll skip the eggnog. ISTOCK

that I'm able to take a moment and turn the lights down and light my magical candle and think.

We bet Mrs. Claus loves to see you in a relaxed state.

Even at this time of year,

Mrs. Claus and the elves are extremely busy. They're keeping up with me, being sure that I have my food, my time, and keeping the list on who's naughty and nice...

Say, what kinds of cookies

should we leave out for you on Christmas Eve?

I'm trying to lean toward oatmeal and raisin — it's a little healthier for me. I'm trying to watch my weight. Otherwise, how could I ever get down all those chimneys?

And I would suggest carrots for the reindeer, although they are leaning heavily toward candy corn. [And] skim milk all the way! (Laughs)

Should we leave you some eggnog too?

I'll be driving so I'll have to pass.

You've likely got lots of people to visit. How many letters do you think you'll receive this year?

Millions. I'm already getting letters from children who tell me what they want. And some of the most wonderful letters include the whole family — my brother wants this, my mom, my dad [want this]. Even if you're on the naughty list, you have a little bit of time left.

So how can someone on the naughty list end up on the nice list?

By being nice. If you're a child, by being respectful and obedient. If you're an adult, by helping someone, by being nice. It's very important.

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Cherry-White Chocolate Drop Cookies: Beat the baking guilt



This recipe makes two dozen cookies. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At this time of year, we are constantly reminded that happy families are supposed to have special bonding moments while baking luscious holiday treats. If we really loved our children, we'd be delighted by the mess they make while dumping flour on the floor and spilling raw eggs down the side of the stove.

And so begins the guilt. Not only are we supposed to be baking, we're also supposed to be enjoying it.

To attempt to assuage the guilt, try these one-bowl cookies.

1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Line 2 baking sheets with kitchen parchment.

2. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the butter and both sugars until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the egg, almond extract and milk, then mix well. Add the flour and baking soda, then mix just until the dry ingredients are well mixed

Ingredients

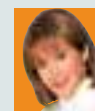
- 2 sticks (1 cup) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 1/4 cup milk
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup dried cherries
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup white chocolate chips

in. Mix in the cherries, cranberries and chocolate chips.

3. Drop the dough in 2-tablespoon mounds on the prepared baking sheets, leaving 2 inches between them. Bake, in batches if necessary, for 12 to 14 minutes, or until just lightly browned at the edges and still slightly soft at the centre. Leave on the baking sheet for 2 minutes, then use a spatula to transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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School on a screen.

One in three kids using iPads in class admit to playing games: Canadian study

A third of Quebec students surveyed about using iPads in class admitted to playing games during school hours and an astounding 99 per cent said they found the gadgets distracting, suggests a new study based on the experiences of more than 6,000 tablet-toting kids.

But even though just a few students said they felt a tablet helped them learn better, the report's co-authors still concluded that schools should invest in the technology, although cautiously.

Researchers surveyed 6,057 students, who were enrolled in Grades 6 through 10, and 302 teachers about their experiences so far in using tablets daily in the classroom.

The report concludes that outfitting large numbers of



Will iPads be the next school desk staple? ISTOCK

students with costly tablets is a worthwhile endeavour, provided that teachers are well prepared and trained for the radical shift in delivering their lesson plans.

"It would appear that incorporating the iPad into education constitutes a necessary risk for schools, and that this technological tool has breathed cognitive potential,"

states the report.

But co-author Thierry Karsenti noted that so far, teachers have generally not been well prepared to teach with tablets.

iPositives

- When teachers were asked about the benefits of using iPads in class, about half said it opened up better access to information, 40 per cent cited the easy portability of the devices, and about a third said it allowed for greater collaboration.

The report notes that 70 per cent of the teachers surveyed said they had "never or very rarely" used an iPad before they were introduced into their classrooms, versus 53.6 per cent of their students.

"Some of the teachers were getting the iPad on the first day of school with their students, can you imagine? All the students were on Facebook, Twitter and the teachers were like, 'Oh my God, this is not working,' and blaming the technology because he or she was not ready," said Karsenti,

the Canada research chair for information and communication technologies in education.

"You have teachers who are fully unaware of what's going on in the classroom, they're sitting reading their notes and the students are doing whatever they want."

The report notes that a "surprising" number of students — more than one in three — admitted to playing games in class, sometimes with their teachers' permission after an assignment or task was completed.

Researchers were also surprised that, in some ways, the tablet technology wasn't been used to its full potential.

Students said they did relatively little reading on their tablets and were still using paper textbooks, while many assignments were still be submitted on paper rather than electronically.

About 85 per cent of the students said they never or rarely used the iPad to prepare written work.

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Ovechkin helps Capitals catch, surpass Flyers

Alex Ovechkin scored with 48 seconds left and goalie Phillip Grubauer off for an extra attacker to cap a late three-goal rally and the Washington Capitals went on to beat the Philadelphia Flyers 5-4 in a shootout Sunday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL

Bishop Bolts the door in Detroit

Ben Bishop made 28 saves for his sixth career shut-out and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Detroit Red Wings 3-0 on Sunday.

Tyler Johnson, J.T. Brown and Teddy Purcell scored.

Petr Mrazek stopped 24 shots for Detroit, which lost its fifth in a row.

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World junior camp

Canadian camp heads to Europe

An eager group of 25 players broke camp Sunday in Toronto and got ready to head overseas for final preparations for the world junior hockey championship.

But only 22 will still be there when the tournament opens Dec. 26 in Malmo, Sweden.

The team will play three pre-tournament games.

Canada's head coach Brent Sutter hopes to make the cuts after the first exhibition game Friday so he can use the final squad for the last two.

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Knights reaping rewards of 'The Snub'

OHL. Domi making his point on the ice with dominant play



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Take that, Brent Sutter. And same to you, Bob Nicholson.

London Knights winger Max Domi may be too much of a gentleman to talk in such a fashion about the powers that be with Hockey Canada, but his on-ice performance since the world junior team snub has been nothing short of sensational.

Let's use Sunday afternoon as an example.

Despite getting back from Erie at 3 a.m. Sunday, the Knights came out strong in the first period with three unanswered goals — two by Domi and he assisted on the third — and held on for a 5-4 victory over the Kingston Frontenacs before 8,980 spectators at the Budweiser Gardens.

Chris Tierney, Michael McCarron, Matt Rupert, with the winner, and Brent Welychka, into the empty net, also scored for the Knights. Sam Bennett, Mathew Watson, Loren Ulett and Ryan Verbeek scored for the Frontenacs, who, like the Knights, were playing their third game in as many days.

Domi now has seven goals and nine assists in seven games since "The Snub," including a stretch of 10 points in 10 recent periods. He finished Sunday's game with four points.

"It's just a lot of the same stuff. Working a little harder.



The Knights' Owen MacDonald battles two Kingston Frontenacs players for a loose puck during Sunday's game at Budweiser Gardens. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

On Sunday

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Knights

4

Frontenacs

Getting a little puck luck," Domi, named the game's first star, said of the hot streak. "Sometimes those don't go in. Just got to stick with it. It

pays off."

Rupert's winner came in his first game back after sitting out a 15-game league suspension for a hit to the head.

"Sitting out for 15 games, it's always hard to watch up in the stands, so contributing to the team and helping them win is always fun," Rupert said.

Meanwhile, neither team was impressed by the refereeing, particularly from Ryan Carroll. There were questionable third-period tripping and diving calls on Domi and a dubi-

ous double minor on Kingston defenceman Ryan Hutchison. He was also tagged with a game misconduct for abuse of officials as the game ended.

On Saturday night in Erie, the Knights lost 4-3 to the Otters with a shootout required to decide the outcome. It was a different story Friday night as five different Knights scored in a 5-2 win over the Guelph Storm at home.

Up next for the Knights is a game Friday at home against the Niagara IceDogs.

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Fins come into focus in AFC wild-card picture

NFL. After thwarting another Pats comeback bid, the Miami Dolphins sought help from a reserve safety making his NFL debut after being signed Tuesday off the San Francisco 49ers' practice squad.

Desperate to stop Tom Brady's latest comeback bid, the Miami Dolphins sought help from a reserve safety making his NFL debut after being signed Tuesday off the San Francisco 49ers' practice squad.

Michael Thomas came through, intercepting Brady's fourth-down pass in the end zone with two seconds left Sunday to seal a seesaw 24-20 victory over the New England Patriots.

Thomas celebrated by flopping to his back and was swarmed by his new teammates.

"I didn't know what his first name was," defensive tackle Jared Odrick said. "That's being thrown in the fire and reacting. That's a pure athlete."

The Dolphins (8-6) won their third game in a row to help their AFC wild-card chances. They also snapped a streak of seven consecutive losses to the Patriots (10-



The Dolphins' Michael Thomas, top, breaks up a pass attempt to Patriots receiver Danny Amendola on Sunday in Miami. MIKE EHLMANN/GETTY IMAGES

On Sunday

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Dolphins

20

Patriots

4), who missed a chance to clinch their fifth consecutive AFC East title.

Miami's breakthrough win left even stoic second-year

coach Joe Philbin in a mood to celebrate.

"I might jump in my pool," he said. "I've been in it once since I've been here."

Brady threw for 364 yards, but was frustrated by a succession of squandered scoring chances. His counterpart Ryan Tannehill shook off four sacks to throw for 312 yards and three touchdowns, including a 14-yarder to Marcus Thigpen with 1:15 left that provided the winning margin. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Eli Manning throws 5 INTs

Seahawks dominate Giants for shutout

This is the best Seahawks road team in their history. Even better, they might not

need to leave Seattle again — until another trip to the Meadowlands.

For the Super Bowl. Seattle (12-2) manhandled the New York Giants 23-0 Sunday for its sixth road win, holding the hosts

to 181 yards.

New York quarterback Eli Manning was picked off a career-worst five times. The Giants lost top receiver Victor Cruz to a concussion in the fourth quarter.

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METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	34	23	10	1	105	74	47
Washington	33	18	12	3	105	97	39
Carolina	34	14	13	7	79	94	35
Columbus	33	14	15	4	85	92	32
Philadelphia	33	14	15	4	76	91	32
New Jersey	34	13	15	6	78	85	32
NY Rangers	33	15	17	1	72	88	31
NY Islanders	34	9	19	6	83	118	24

Sunday's results

Washington 5 Philadelphia 4 (SO)
Tampa Bay 3 Detroit 0
Florida 2 Montreal 1
Calgary at NY Rangers
Los Angeles at Chicago
Edmonton at Anaheim

Saturday's results

Calgary 2 Buffalo 1 (OT)
Los Angeles 5 Ottawa 2
Dallas 6 Winnipeg 4
Toronto 7 Chicago 3
St. Louis 4 Columbus 3 (OT)
Pittsburgh 4 Detroit 1
New Jersey 3 Tampa Bay 0
Montreal 1 NY Islanders 0 (OT)
Carolina 3 Phoenix 1
Nashville 3 San Jose 2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	35	23	7	5	132	100	51
St. Louis	31	22	6	3	110	73	47
Colorado	31	21	9	1	88	73	43
Minnesota	35	19	11	5	81	81	43
Dallas	31	15	11	5	90	93	35
Nashville	33	16	14	3	77	92	35
Winnipeg	34	14	15	5	90	100	33

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	34	22	7	5	108	87	49
Los Angeles	33	22	7	4	93	65	48
San Jose	33	20	7	6	108	82	46
Vancouver	35	20	10	5	98	83	45
Phoenix	32	18	9	5	104	100	41
Calgary	32	13	15	4	83	102	30
Edmonton	34	11	20	3	91	117	25

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Minnesota 2 Colorado 1 (SO)

Vancouver 6 Boston 2

Monday's games — All Times Eastern

Winnipeg at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts
Crosby, Pgh	18	28	46
Kane, Chi	19	25	44
Malkin, Pgh	9	32	41
Getzlaf, Ana	16	22	38
Tavares, NYI	13	24	37
Perry, Ana	21	15	36
Ovechkin, Wash	26	9	35
Steen, STL	22	13	35

Not including last night's games

NFL

WEEK 15

Sunday's results

Chicago 38 Cleveland 31
Buffalo 27 Jacksonville 20
Atlanta 27 Washington 26
San Francisco 33 Tampa Bay 14
Seattle 23 N.Y. Giants 0
Minnesota 48 Philadelphia 30
Miami 24 New England 20

Indianapolis 25 Houston 3
Carolina 30 N.Y. Jets 20
Kansas City 56 Oakland 31
Arizona 37 Tennessee 34 (OT)
St. Louis 27 New Orleans 16
Green Bay 37 Dallas 36
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Monday's game — All Times Eastern
Baltimore at Detroit, 8:40 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	20	3	.870	—
d-Miami	17	6	.739	3
Atlanta	12	12	.500	8 1/2
d-Boston	11	14	.440	10
Detroit	11	14	.440	10
Charlotte	10	14	.417	10 1/2
Toronto	9	13	.409	10 1/2
Chicago	9	13	.409	10 1/2
Washington	9	13	.409	10 1/2
Cleveland	9	14	.391	11
Brooklyn	8	15	.348	12
New York	7	16	.304	13
Orlando	7	16	.304	13
Philadelphia	7	18	.280	14
Milwaukee	5	19	.208	15 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Portland	21	4	.840	—
d-San Antonio	19	4	.826	1
Oklahoma City	18	4	.818	1 1/2
d-L.A. Clippers	16	9	.640	5
Houston	16	9	.640	5
Phoenix	13	9	.591	6 1/2
Denver	13	9	.591	6 1/2
Dallas	14	10	.583	6 1/2
Golden State	13	11	.542	7 1/2
New Orleans	11	10	.524	8
Minnesota	12	12	.500	8 1/2
L.A. Lakers	11	12	.478	9
Memphis	10	13	.435	10
Sacramento	7	15	.318	12 1/2
Utah	6	20	.231	15 1/2

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Sunday's results

Portland 111 Detroit 109 (OT)
Sacramento 106 Houston 91
Minnesota 101 Memphis 93
Orlando at Oklahoma City
New Orleans at Denver
Golden State at Phoenix
Monday's games — All Times Eastern
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's games
Portland at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Family and financial problems can easily be resolved over the next seven days, but you must not keep putting them off.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Speak up if you have something important to say but make sure you listen too because the feedback you get could be invaluable.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may have to bluff your way through the sort of situation you would usually cope with quite easily today.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

As some of your views are a bit controversial there could be some interesting skirmishes today. But don't make a scene if someone who disagrees with you challenges your grasp of the facts.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Others may be having second thoughts about what you are doing but you have no such doubts. Even if you do make a mistake or two along the way your momentum and sense of purpose will keep you moving towards your goal.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your confidence is sky-high at the moment and because of that you are ready to risk almost anything to prove you are the best. Before the day is over even your critics will be singing your praises and willing you to succeed.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will get your way on the work front easily enough today but you may upset a few people along the way. That won't worry you in the slightest.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will be rather outspoken today, which is not that unusual, but make sure your criticisms are justified or you could make enemies of people who should be your friends.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Mercury combined with your ruler Jupiter warns that what others tell you and what they believe may be two completely different things.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You don't lack for ideas at the moment but you seem strangely reluctant to let the world know about them. Maybe that's not such a bad thing.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

The answers you seek are not that hard to find but you will surely find them quicker today if you get some assistance. And don't make things too complicated for yourself.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You must check facts and figures carefully today as Mercury linked to retrograde Jupiter warns that either someone is trying to deceive you or you will in some way deceive yourself.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

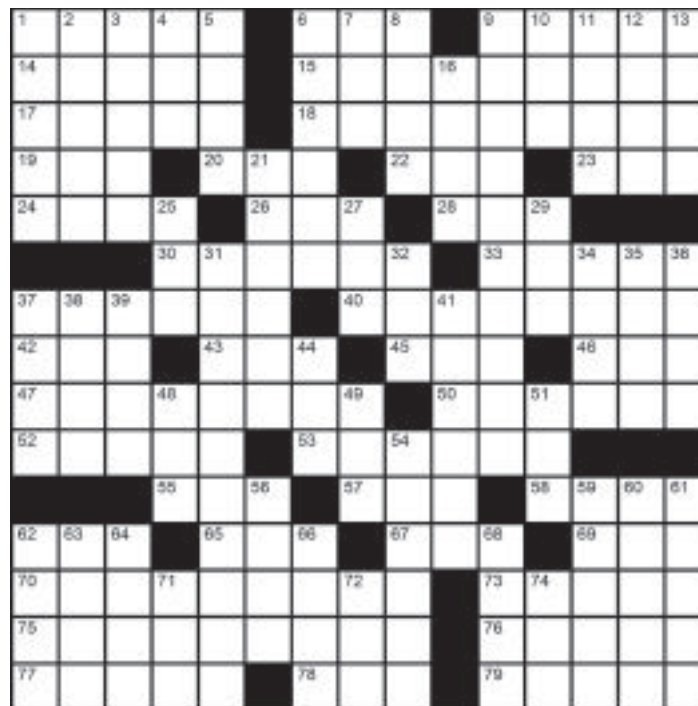
1. Anna Paquin movie, "The ___" (1993)
6. Ms. Gardner
9. Impudent
14. Christmas Tree topper
15. Anti-aging cream targets: 2 wds.
17. NWT: ___ Heritage Trail
18. Canada Dry ___
19. Farm animal
20. Sports fig.
22. "___ Married an Axe Murderer" (1993)
23. Li'l water channel
24. Sun., on Mon.
26. Mr. Kilmer
28. Mil. rank
30. Festive beverage
33. Wuthering Heights growth
37. Chachi's surname
40. Author who co-founded the Writers' Trust of Canada in 1976, Margaret ___ (b.1926 - d.1987)
42. "Yahoo!"
43. Ms. Thurman
45. Li'l pressure unit
46. Ceiling
47. Fun street in downtown Montreal
50. Pre-Christmas time
52. Mr. Spock's father
53. Formal order
55. Clairvoyance, e.g.
57. Total
58. Yielded
62. "Law & Order: ___"

65. Rum ___ Tugger (Cats character)
67. Cereal grass
69. Farm call
70. Popular posting-up stuff website
73. Do computer cleaning
75. Merchants
76. On ___ (Doing well)

77. ___ statement
78. Home reno network
79. Paint finish kind

Down

1. Joshua Jackson's "Dawson's Creek" role
2. Flooded: 2 wds.
3. Ms. Moorehead
4. Paleo opposite
5. Stewing pot
6. Blanket type
7. Ancient 7
8. Ms. Jillian's
9. Wintertime fun: 2 wds.
10. "___ Bud" (1997)
11. Actress Ms. Merkel's
12. Boston basketballer, briefly
13. River of Flanders
16. "___ & Icons" (Vintage show from MuchMusic)
21. "Let's Make a Deal" = ___ show
25. Racecar driver Mr. Fabi
27. Miley Cyrus movie



Friday's Crossword

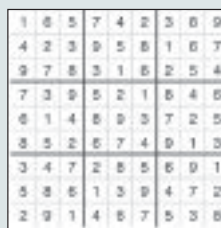


Sudoku

How to play

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Friday's Sudoku



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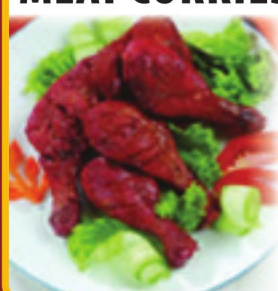
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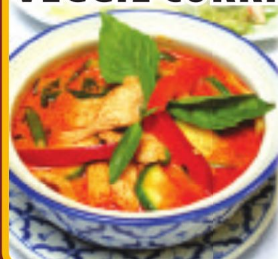
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Pakoras Veg	\$0.75	\$3.99	\$6.99
Samosas	\$1.00	\$4.99	\$8.99
Tand Chicken	\$1.25	\$7.50	\$15.00
Tandoori Fold	\$1.69	\$8.00	\$15.99
	1/2 lb.	1 lb.	
French Fries.....	\$1.69	\$2.69	
Papadum 2 for \$1.00			

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Beef Haleem	\$4.99	\$5.99
Lamb Korma	\$8.99	\$10.99
Aloo Keema.....	\$4.99	\$5.99

VEGGIE CURRIES



	Small	Large
Lentils	\$2.99	\$3.99
Eggplant & Tomato	\$3.99	\$4.99
Chickpeas Curry.....	\$3.99	\$4.99
Spinach & Chickpeas	\$3.99	\$4.99
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Spinach & Potatoes	\$3.99	\$4.99
Mixed Vegetables.....	\$3.99	\$4.99

RICE & BREADS



	Small	Large
Plain Basmati	\$2.00	\$4.00
Biryani	\$2.99	\$4.99
Naan Bread \$1.00 each		Paratha \$1.00 each

SALADS



	Small	Large
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Tandoori		
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